

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Bldg 679, RAF Bentwaters

2 Jan 1981 (Place)

(Date)

Fred A. Buran

I, Fred A. Buran, hereby state that has identified himself to me

no

UCAP

(Special Agent AFOSI, Security Police, Other-Specify)

I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement. The following statement is general in nature and may be inaccurate in some instances due to the time lapse involved and the fact that I was not taking notes at the time of the occurrence. At approximately 0300 hrs, 26 December 1980, I was on duty at Bldg 679, Central Security Control, when I was notified that W/C Burroughs had sighted some strange lights in the wooded area east of the runway at R.F. Woodbridge.

Shortly after this initial report W/C Burroughs was joined by SSgt Fenniston and his rider, A/C Cabanag. SSgt Fenniston also reported the strange lights. I directed SSgt Coffey, the on duty Security Controller, to attempt to ascertain from SSgt Fenniston whether or not the lights could be marker lights of some kind, to which SSgt Fenniston said that he had never seen lights of this color or nature in the area before. He described them as red, blue, white, and orange.

SSgt Fenniston requested permission to investigate. After he had been joined by the Security Flight Chief, W/C Chandler, and turned his weapon over to him, I directed them to go ahead. SSgt Fenniston had previously informed me that the lights appeared to be no further than 100 yds from the road east of the runway.

I monitored their progress (Fenniston, Burroughs, and Cabanag) as they entered the wooded area. They appeared to get very close to the lights, and at one point SSgt Fenniston stated that it was a definite mechanical object. Due to the colors they had reported I alerted them to the fact that they may have been approaching a light aircraft crash scene. I directed SSgt Coffey to check with the tower to see if they could throw some light on the subject. They could not help.

SSgt Fenniston reported getting near the "object" and then all of a sudden said they had gone past it and were looking at a marker beacon that was in the same general direction as the other lights. I asked him, through SSgt Coffey, if he could have been mistaken, to which Fenniston replied that had I seen the other lights I would know the difference. SSgt Fenniston seemed somewhat agitated at this point.

They continued to look further, to no avail. At approximately 0350 hrs, I terminated the investigation and ordered all units back to their normal duties.

I directed SSgt Fenniston to take notes of the incident when he came in that morning. After talking with him face to face concerning the incident, I am convinced that he saw something out of the realm of explanation for him at that time. I would like to state at this time that SSgt Fenniston is a totally reliable and mature individual. He was not overly excited, nor do I think he is subject to overreaction or misinterpretation of circumstances. Later that morning, after conversing with W/C Mike Verano, the day shift commander, I discovered that there had been several other sightings. Any further developments I have no direct knowledge of.